

DRIVERS, BY BIG MAJORITY, VOTE TO GO ON STRIKE

Action of United Chauffeurs and Horse Drivers Involves 3,400 Men.

POLLS OPEN ALL NIGHT.

Officers of Union to Fix Date When the Workers Shall Be Called Out.

A strike which may involve 5,000 cab drivers, chauffeurs and funeral hack drivers, has been decided upon by a

vote of the United Chauffeurs and Horse Drivers' Union, Local No. 607, of the United Teamsters of America.

The voting was done yesterday afternoon and all last night, at the headquarters of the union, Eighteenth street and Eighth avenue, and ten ballots were cast in favor of a strike to every one against it.

When and how the strike will be called is to be determined by the officers of the union. William H. Graham, the president, and Edwin Gould, the secretary, will have the active management of the strike. The extent of the disturbance will depend entirely upon the stand of the Livery Stable Keepers' Association.

An agreement between the Association and the old Liberty Dawn Association of Cab Drivers, entered into in 1905, expired on Oct. 15. Two months previous to the running out of the agreement the Liberty Dawn Association combined with the union of chauffeurs of public automobiles. When the time came for making a new agreement the automobile livery men were approached, together with the livery stable men.

The union's demands. The union demanded for the drivers of cabs a fourteen-hour minimum workday, seven days in the week, and weekly pay of \$15; and for chauffeurs of public automobiles a twelve-hour workday at \$17.50 a week. The livery

Stable Keepers' Association, as a body, refused to sign the agreement, but some of the individual members made private arrangements with their drivers.

The automobile liverymen were practically unanimous in refusing to enter into an agreement with the union, and the Livery Stable Keepers' Association finally declared for an open shop. This led to yesterday's meeting and the determination of the men to strike.

May Delay the Date.

The union leaders profess to entertain a hope that the cab and automobile men will rescind the open shop agreement and consent to sign the scale fixed by the union. In order to work out this plan, if possible, the actual calling of a strike will be delayed.

There were 2,200 members of the Chauffeurs and Horse Drivers' Union. The men say that since the agreement expired many employers are working their men seventeen hours a day.

The drivers of hearses and funeral coaches have a union with 120 members, and this union has many grievances. In the event of a strike of the cab drivers and chauffeurs, the funeral coach drivers will strike in sympathy.

SEWER CAVES IN, GAS EXPLODES, IN WILLIAMSBURG

Accident Creates Excitement, but Nobody is Injured.

The heavy downpour of rain caused the banks of a thirty-foot sewer excavation at St. Nicholas avenue and Hilmrod street, Williamsburg, to cave in at 6:55 this morning.

The roar of the sliding mass of earth had hardly subsided when there was a heavy explosion that blew a mass of timbers roofing the excavation high in the air. It was followed in a few seconds by another. The subsidence of the earth had caused a sixteen inch gas main to sag and break, and immediately after the explosion a big flame

shot up from the trench. Fortunately there were no men at work, or the loss of life might have been heavy.

Windows were smashed and houses in the neighborhood shaken, and people came running out into the rain in terror.

About a block from the scene of the explosion is the big German Hospital, where several patients were badly frightened by the shaking of the building and the noise of the exploding gas. There was no panic, however, as the doctors and nurses soon reassured the more timid patients.

Trouble with the Gas.

The trench is being dug by the Newman Construction Company, and extends along St. Nicholas avenue from Starr to Grove street. Along the section near Hilmrod street it was boarded over from sidewalk to sidewalk, so that after the main had broken the gas had an opportunity to collect in the confined space under the planking in great volume.

This added to the force of the explosion, and when the firemen of Engine

Company No. 171 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 74 arrived the street looked as if an earthquake had torn it up. In places the sidewalks had begun to slip down toward the hole. The police and firemen at once ordered every one out of the boarding-houses bordering along the torn-up section, as they feared a repetition of the Gold street disaster, in which persons in the street were swallowed up.

A force of the gas companies' men succeeded in extinguishing the flames from the broken end of the main with sand. Air-bags were then placed in the open ends of the pipe, and blown up so as to fill the cavity till the gas could be cut off. While the firemen were at work in the trench one of these bags burst, and the firemen were almost overcome by the fumes that poured out. William Sturgeon, a watchman, was overcome by the escaping gas, but revived on being carried out of the reach of the fumes.

SUNDAY WORLD WANTS WORK MONDAY WONDERS.

SUBWAY BLOCKED DURING RUSH HOUR

All Traffic South of Ninety-sixth Street Held Up Half an Hour.

Short-circuiting of trains in the Subway this morning shortly before eight o'clock caused congestion for more than half an hour at all stations south of Ninety-sixth street. The blocks themselves were trivial, but as one was on the Broadway branch and the other on the Lenox avenue branch the traffic

south of the junction of Ninety-sixth street was entirely shut off and then, when the trains started again, the switching back and forth added to the delay.

At ten minutes of seven, just south of the Mott avenue station on the Lenox avenue branch, there occurred a short-circuit. The train on which it occurred came to a sudden stop and all trains were held up while employees were remedying the trouble.

Almost at the same time, on the Broadway division near One Hundred and Third street station, another short-circuit occurred and trains on this division were held up.

Soon the station platforms on all stations, especially those below Ninety-sixth street, became crowded with passengers. The island express platforms at Seventy-second, Grand Central and Fourteenth street were packed, and the platform men and special policemen were kept busy holding the passengers in check.

JAMES MCGREERY & CO.

23rd Street 34th Street

On Tuesday, December the 8th.

LAMPS. In Both Stores.

Electric or Gas Lamps, trimmed with bronze. 13 inch Art Glass shade. 3.75

Electric Lamps, fancy rose design, with 3 burners, 16 or 18 inch leaded shade. 24.00 and 55.00

Electric Lamps, various designs, with bronze base. Leaded glass shade. 50.00, 75.00, 100.00 and 125.00

Former prices 75.00, 100.00, 125.00 and 250.00

FINE CHINA.

Complete stock of French, Italian, English Wedgwood, Royal Chelsea and Aynsley China, open stock, Tableware and odd pieces—Cups and Saucers, Plates, Trays and Chop Dishes. At very attractive prices.

ART DEPARTMENTS. In Both Stores.

A varied stock of Imported Embroidered Novelties for Holiday Gifts.

Glove, Handkerchief, Jewel and Sewing Cases, Pin Trays, Photo Frames, Cushions, Hat Stands and Cedar Boxes, Lambrequins, Scrap Baskets, etc.

Sewing Cases.....50c to 5.50

Embroidered Boxes.....1.35 " 12.00

" Photo Frames.....1.75 " 9.75

" Sofa Cushions.....3.75 " 15.00

" Pin Trays.....1.75 " 5.50

" Small Novelties.....25c " 3.75

Stamped patterns at attractive prices.

Fourth Floor, Twenty-third Street.

Seventh Floor, Thirty-fourth Street.

INFANTS' OUTFITTING DEPT'S. In Both Stores.

Children's Eiderdown Dressing Gowns. Red, light blue and pink. Size 2 to 14 years. 2.25 to 4.50

Dressing Gowns of figured flannel-ette. Pink and light blue. Size 2 to 14 years. 1.25 to 2.25

MAIDS' APRONS.

Made of fine lawn, trimmed with embroidery or hemstitched. Large and small sizes. 25c, 45c, 65c and 95c

A complete stock of Maids' House Dresses, of Percale, Gingham, Chambray, White Linen, Black Mohair and Sateen.

Sale of fancy stripe percale House Dresses. Size 34 to 42 inches. 95c

value 1.50

SOROSIS SHOES. In Both Stores.

Sorosis Shoes for the present season introduce many styles that are exceedingly smart in appearance, and in accord with the latest fashionable gowns.

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23rd Street 34th Street

The key to Fortune's vaults is commonly known as a World "REAL ESTATE" "ad." Acquire one to-day.

5,000 ODD CURTAINS, some slightly damaged, all widths and lengths; value up to \$2.50 pair. Special, each, 12c

WE SELL MORE REAL LACES THAN ANY OTHER STORE IN AMERICA.

EHRICH BROS.

ESTABLISHED 51 YEARS.

2,800 PAIRSLACE CURTAINS AND RUFFLED MUSLIN CURTAINS. Special, 25c

Matchless Bargains---Just for Tuesday

Every item embraced in this advertisement is a matchless bargain for the reason that it is marked anywhere from 25 to 50 per cent. under its regular price, and Ehrich's prices are always lower than those of others. We do this simply to make Tuesday the most popular bargain day of the week. As the object of the low pricing is to bring you direct to the store, we therefore will not accept any 'phone or mail orders on any of the following bargains advertised for Tuesday:

Holiday Suspenders
Values up to \$1.00, at
Each Pair Packed in a Box
Satisfactory for Xmas Gift.
2,000 pairs of Men's high-grade
suspenders, made of fine silk
elastic, ribbon, websters,
trimmed with silk and en-
riched with buckles, leather
and silk ends; all popular col-
ors. Values up to \$1.00; special, 39c

Men's and Youths'
\$15.00 Suits.
Overcoats and Raincoats, in
this sale..... \$7.90

Men's and Youths' \$30.00 Suits.
Overcoats and Rain-
coats, in this
sale..... \$13.40

Young Men's Tuxedo and Full Dress
Coats and Vests. \$5.90
Regular price \$12.00, at.....

Men's Very Fine Trousers.
In pure worsteds, all colors
and patterns. Regular price
\$3.00, at..... \$2.50

Boys' Suits and Overcoats,
of best materials; various
styles; models; sizes 8 to 14
years. Regular prices \$3.50
and \$3.85; special at..... \$1.85

Boys' Suits and Overcoats,
sizes 8 to 14 years; various
patterns and styles; fancy
light or dark effects. Regular
price \$3.00, at..... \$3.48

Women's \$19.75 Caracul Cloth Coats
26-inch model, made of a splen-
did, high lustrous Caracul Cloth;
lined throughout with heavy
satin; large collar, turnover
cuffs; shows big pockets; spec-
ial for Tuesday only.
11.75

Boys' Suits and Overcoats,
Russian style; various of sat-
terns; sizes 8 to 14 years.
Regular price \$4.50 and
\$5.00; special at..... \$2.48

Men's "Hygienic" Underwear,
Genuine flannel, non-irritating, san-
itary, finished in the best man-
ner; shirts and drawers all
sizes; value 50c; special, each,
39c

Men's Smoking Jackets and House
Coats,
Made of imported double-
face cloth; various styles;
medium, knee-length; of \$5.00
and \$5.50; special at..... \$3.98

Men's Bath Robes,
Made of German flannel and fine Terry
cloth; large variety of pat-
terns to choose from; val-
ues \$1.00 and \$2.00; spec-
ial at..... \$2.98

Imported Shaving Sets,
brush, bowl and soap dish, com-
prising of mirror, porcelain bowl
and shaving brush. Spec-
ial at..... 98c

Perfumery Bottles, large size,
with silver, white, gold,
water, glass, stoppers; value
\$1.00; special, bottle,
25c

Women's 39c to 69c Hosiery
at 25c
2,000 pairs of women's hosiery
made of fine thread, in various
styles, including the latest
fashionable designs; all sizes;
special, each, 25c

Toy Store Fun

for all the youngsters—and good, old, jolly Santa Claus here himself to shake the hands of all the little boys and girls and who will give each one accompanied by guardian or parent a nice present.



Mechanical Train of Cars, with Engine and Ten-
dar; 4 pieces of track. Special.....50c
Extra Track, assorted sizes. Special, 3 for.....25c
Hill Climbing Friction Toys, unbreakable; trolley,
Special.....\$1.00
Rocking Horses, leather saddles and stirrups,
Special.....\$1.00
Iron Stoves, with pipe and tea shelf; complete
outfit; oxidized finish. Special.....50c
Iron Toys, with 2 and 3 Horses; Engines, Hook
and Ladders, Fire Patrol, etc., etc.....60c
Trunks, 14-inch tray inside. Special.....50c
Trimmed Beds and Bessinets, good style. Special,
50c
Pianos, mahogany finish, 6 keys. Special.....25c
Decorated China Tea Sets; fancy; full size for
doll in New use; 12 pieces. Special.....50c
Crystal Tea Sets; covered butter, covered sugar,
creamers, spoon holder; 1 set in box. Special, 10c

Baby Beauty
Doll, un-
der 28 in.
tall, 50c.

Our Jewelry Store

is at its best, with its beautiful holiday assortments of everything new and exquisite, and our prices are so low that in justice to yourself you cannot afford to overlook Ehrich's when buying Christmas jewelry pres-ents.

**Gold-Filled Brace-
lets, heavy band,
in plain polish and
roman gold finish,
with secret lock
and joint, value
\$5.00; special,
\$1.98**

**This \$5.95
Bag \$3.95**

**Imported LaVal-
linas, imported
samples, fine cut
jet, coral and
diamond, hung
with rich jeweled
pendants and cut
stones..... \$4.98**

**German Silver Mesh
Bags, drive in, in
solidly hand etched,
hung with fine, fish
scale, mesh, 25c;
value \$5.95; special,
\$3.95**

**Ladies' Waltham
Watches, O size, thin
case, gold-filled case,
fitted with jeweled
Waltham movement;
value \$10.00. You pay
exclusive dealer's just
double our price; spec-
ial..... \$5.95**

**Elastic Belts, steel
studied and fancy
embossed styles in all
colors. Regularly
\$1.50; special,
\$1.00**

**Jeweled Hatpins at 15
cents; hundreds of
styles, every possible
effect; in a table;
plain, neat gold filled
style to the latest
large ornament, close-
ly set with sparkling
stones and jewels;
special,
25c, 50c, \$1**

**79c Brussels
Carpet**

Made, laid and lined
with padded
lining; sale
price, per yd.
yard.....45c

**\$22 Velvet
Rugs, 19.49**

In handsome Oriental
and floral designs; size
12x18; 12x12; 12x10;
\$11.99
Brussels \$3.45
Rugs, at
Size 12x12 feet; in hand-
some designs.

**300 Dining
Room
Rugs, at \$1.21**

Size 6x9 feet; in pretty
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Carpets and Rugs

**49c Ingrain
Carpet**

36 inches wide. Limit
to 30 yds.
Special,
yard.....19c

**\$12.98
Smyrna
Rugs, at \$5.45**

Size 12x18 feet; new
designs.....57c

**500 Reversible
Rugs, at 57c**

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Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose double
knit, solid black, white, and the latest color,
one of Sweden's famous makers, white, tan,
black, light blue, gray, green,
etc.; value \$1.50; put up in boxes
pairs in a handsome gift box
for special, \$1.00, per pair.

**Children's Mocha or Astrachan One-
Clasp, Wool-Lined Gloves, 59c**

Value 70c; special, 59c

**Men's Pure Irish Linen Hemstitched
Handkerchiefs, 75c**

Handkerchiefs, with black initial;
value \$1.00; special, 75c

**Women's Sheer Shamrock Handker-
chiefs, with small initial; value
\$1.00; special, 75c**

**Women's Plain White Hemstitched
Handkerchiefs, with small initial;
value \$1.00; special, 39c**

**Fine Cambric Embroidery Flouncings,
for handkerchiefs; value \$1.00;
special, 29c**

Misses' \$20.00 Caracul Coats

Lightly fashioned in newest style;
size 12 to 16 years

\$11.95

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